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EDITORIAL

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BACK TO WORK IN 1988

NINETEEN EIGHTY SIX was not a good year for the National Front. Although there were a number of encouraging external developments internally the party was in a state of shambles. Internal arguments, of the sort that make Neil Kinnock's feuds with the Militant Tendency look like a vicarage tea-party threatened to rip the NF to pieces.

Nineteen Eighty Seven was a year of rebuilding and reorganisation - pulling the party back from the brink of self-inflicted destruction, and ensuring that it survived intact as an effective vehicle for Racial Nationalism.

The steady task of rebuilding the National Front culminated at the party's Annual Conference in October, when members enthusiastically adopted a new Constitution. The key aspects of this new constitution were that it replaced the party's old centralist structure with a federal one, which confers more real power on the branches of the National Front - which are, after all, the party's real powerhouse.

OVERDUE

Long overdue changes were also made to the party's system of internal discipline. The prior system, where the party's governing body was both prosecutor and effectively the jury whenever internal disputes arose was a permanent incitement to factionalism by ambitious individuals and cliques. One needed only to gain the upper hand on the NF Directorate, however temporarily, to be able to 'purge' ones opponents. Hopefully the existence of the new standing Disciplinary Committee will be a major step to eliminating this major source of internal friction in the future.

Nineteen Eighty Eight can thus be faced with confidence. Externally the political situation is beginning, once again, to resemble the favourable conditions of the late seventies: the Labour party is unable to mount a credible challenge to the government, and the Liberal/Alliance 'third force' is looking increasingly ineffectual.

There is now clearly no danger of the National Front being eclipsed by other Nationalist parties. The attempts to found an 'alternative NF' bizarrely based on adherence to the policies of the IRA-backer Col. Gaddafi and Islamic fundamentalists was a predictable and welcome flop. (See page 13 for details of the Looney fringe's demise).

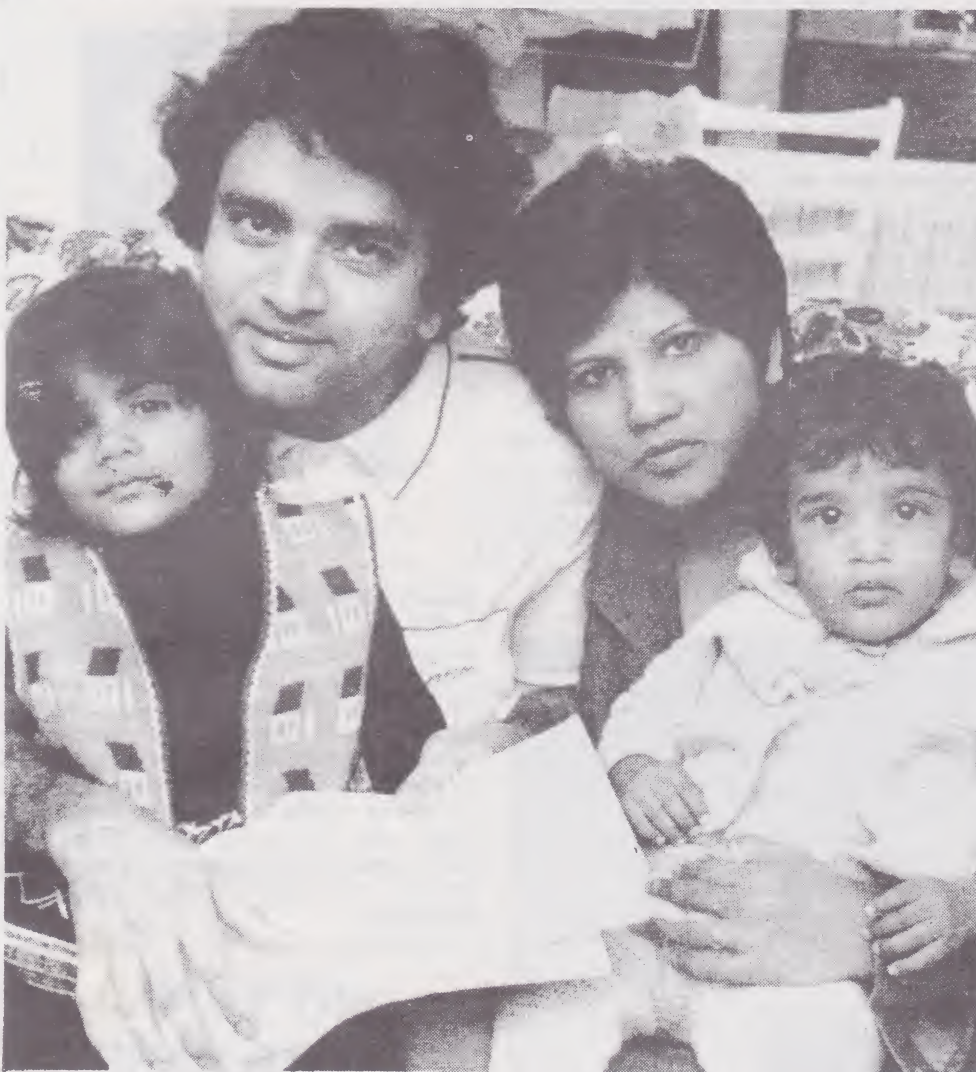
SIGNIFICANT

Equally significant was the fact that no other Nationalist party was able to emerge from the shadows to dominate the Nationalist scene and replace the NF in the eyes of the public as 'the' racist party. The message to other Nationalist parties is clear: if you were ever going to supplant the NF, as Britain's main Nationalist party, then you would have done it in 1986/87. You have had your chance and missed it: it won't come again. It's clear now that if any Nationalist party is to succeed in Britain it will be the National Front.

More significant perhaps is the fact that the National Front enters 1988 with a substantial part of its national structure of branches still intact, and with its members morale steadily increasing, as the dark days of '86 are left behind us.

Nineteen Eighty Eight must and will be the year when the National Front gets back to work; back to the real business for which it was created - advancing the cause of Racial Nationalism in Britain.

ASIAN POPULATION CONTINUING TO BOOM



THE AFRO-ASIAN population in Britain is doubling virtually every fifteen years, and will continue to do so even if all further coloured immigration was halted. These were the shock facts to emerge from a recent population survey published by the Central Statistical Office.

The proportion of people assessed as 'coloured' in the survey increased from 2.3% in 1971 to 4.1% in 1985. By the end of the century it was estimated that eight per cent of the population would be from the New Commonwealth or Pakistan. Government figures on the number of coloured immigrants in Britain must of course be treated with caution: they have a long history of manipulation and deceit, with half-castes, children born to Asians living in Britain etc. being classed as 'British'.

What is however significant is the admission that immigrant numbers are rising extremely rapidly - and that the rise is due mainly to two demographic factors - the coloured population is younger than the

British and has larger families. This is especially true of Asians.

Almost half of the Pakistanis and Bangladeshis in Britain are under the age of sixteen. The figure for Whites was under a fifth. By contrast a large and growing percentage of the British population was over retirement age. Immigrant mothers from Pakistan and Bangladesh have **three times** more children than the average British mother.

In short while a large and growing portion of the immigrant population is approaching the age of marriage and the raising of families a large and growing portion of the British population is approaching early retirement and the grave.

If the British people are not to be destroyed as an identifiable ethnic group then simply stopping immigration is not enough. The repatriation of all ethnically unassimilable people must be made to the lands of their ethnic origin.

THE REAL JOHN SMITH

REMEMBER John Smith, the Chairman of Liverpool F.C.? He was the man who, after the Heysel Stadium disaster tried to put all the blame onto the National Front.

Since the subsequent police enquiry completely exonerated the National Front many wondered what motivated Smith to make his absurd outburst. Recent statements made by Smith show that he is not a 'neutral' individual, with no political axes to grind. On the contrary he is actively politically motivated, and a committed supporter of multi-racialism.

As well as chairing Liverpool F.C. Smith also chairs the Sports Council, which is currently investigating what they term 'racial abuse and intolerance' (ie. any sign of racial awareness and pride) in British sport.

To quote Smith: *"I'm deeply disappointed to note its (ie. racialism) spread from football into other sports like cricket."*

"Integration is not taking place as we would have hoped on some of our playing fields".

John Smith is a proven liar — now we know why he lied.

A NATION IN DEBT

CONSUMER borrowing soared to well over £22,000,000,000 in Britain at the end of 1988, as more and more people went heavily into debt to maintain their living standards.

The average family in Britain now spends 10% of its income paying the interest on mortgages, and other forms of household debts, such as credit cards and hire purchase agreements. In recent years families have borrowed heavily as an apparently buoyant economy has encouraged a false sense of security - a belief that future incomes will always be high enough to pay off their debts.

Even in October 1988 - the month of the Stock Market crash - consumer borrowing rose by a massive £412 million. Overall in 1988 consumer credit rose by over 17% - twice as fast as the rise in incomes.

Consequently it will take only a minor economic downturn, increasingly likely after the disarray on the Stock Exchange, or a sudden rise in interest rates to bring misery and real hardship to hundreds of thousands of British families.

"GREED IS GOOD FOR YOU"

"GREED is all right by the way. I want you to know that. You can be greedy and still feel good about yourself."

These charming words were spoken two years ago by Ivan Boesky, Wall Street's fallen idol, in a lecture to business students. Then he was the hero of the financial community; now the former hangers-on are frantically trying to distance themselves from him.

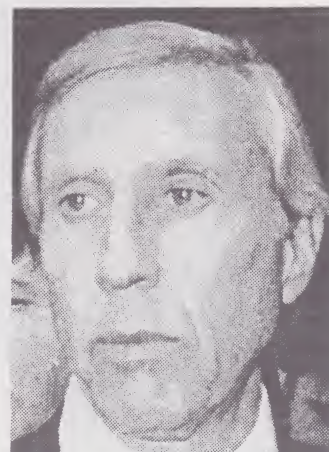
The reason for his fall in popularity is simple; **he got caught**. His fortunes were amassed, not through shrewd business acumen, but through fraud — 'insider dealing', buying confidential information etc. Worse still, from the viewpoint of his former colleagues, Boesky continued to 'trade' after the Police eventually caught up with him.

What he 'traded' was, of course, the names of other leading Wall Street figures up to their necks in fraudulent activities, against a lenient sentence for himself.

This trade has turned out to be extremely profitable for Boesky. The leniency of the sentence he received has shown that the American judiciary is, in its own way, just as corrupt as Wall Street. Despite having masterminded the biggest corrupt financial empire in American history he received a modest three year sentence, and will be eligible for parole after only 10 months. Although he was effectively fined a further \$100m this was only a small portion of the total amount of his profits over the years, thus he has in effect been allowed to keep most of his criminal proceeds.

CHOOSE HIS JUDGE

Boesky was even allowed to choose which judge he wished to appear before for sentencing, and he went before the Judge Morris Lasker, who rewarded



Fallen Angel - Ivan Boesky

Razing the North to Raise the South



PARTS of Britain's former industrial strongholds are being dismantled, brick by brick, to supply trendy building materials for the housing boom in the affluent South East.

It would be hard to find a more poignantly symbolic picture of the Two Nations effect of Thatcherite economic policies. As homes and factories in the North are demolished the materials that made them are physically moved to continue development in the South.

There are now over 240 firms dealing in second-hand building materials - a fourfold increase in the last two years. As Mr Joe Simpson, editor of Building Refurbishment

and Maintenance magazine put it, most of the recycled bricks used in the South East come from up North "because there is more demolition going on up there at the moment".

Economic depression, and the lack of new investment in the North means that recycled bricks fetch much poorer prices than in the South - up to £100 per thousand. This more than covers the cost of transporting bricks south, so what was once part of a Rochdale mill ends up as an Esher mansion, and the gap between North and South in Britain increases.

Boesky's faith with a modest sentence.

Although Boesky affects a new found honesty - regularly attending a Hebrew religious college for Rabbinical instruction - he is in fact yet to experience any real pangs of conscience. Over the last year, while under police investigation, Boesky continued to wheel and deal his billion dollar holdings to greater profits. A television station and hotel were put in his wife's name, and millions more of his assets were similarly put beyond the reach of the people he defrauded.

NO LUV IN BRENT

IF YOU work for the London Borough of Brent be careful who you call 'dear'. Under a new report prepared for consideration by the borough's women's committee, such a term is deemed officially demeaning, and a disciplinary offence.

Calling anyone, male or female, 'gorgeous' or 'luv' is also asking for trouble, although depending on who you say it to you may get "a lesbian woman or gay man" on your disciplinary tribunal.

In fairness the report does also condemn genuinely offensive behaviour: for instance the worsening of working conditions for refusing sexual advances, but the credibility of the report as a whole is lessened because it panders to the so-called 'anti-sexist' paranoias of Brent's looney fringe left.

Thus the small number of council employees who face genuine sexual harassment at work do so regardless of who runs the Council: the Tories may ignore their problems, but Labour will exploit them for its own ends.

Small Shareholder Loses Again



EARLY in December of last year British Petroleum was offering 450p a share for Britoil, the North Sea exploration company. BP's attempt to raid the market and enlarge its holdings in Britoil was good news for the institutional investors and other large shareholders in Britoil - they had the opportunity to sell out at a premium, and walk away with a substantial profit.

The offer did not however apply to the small shareholders - the many thousands of people who had bought a maximum of 150 shares each in the company from the government. BP was not interested in their miniscule holdings - as far as the oil giant

was concerned blocks of only 150 shares were not worth the bureaucratic hassle of acquisition.

The small Britoil shareholder could of course sell his holding on the open market. Not for them however a good selling price, and a fat profit on the deal. They would have been lucky to get much over 400p a share at that time, and would then have to pay stockbroker's fees, amounting to around 20p a share or more - assuming that is that the small shareholder could have found a stockbroker willing to sell his shares for him.

A recent survey found that a third of stockbroking firms refused to handle the sale of small quantities of shares. 150 shares in Britoil, 200 in British Telecom - the typical holding that hundreds of thousands of new investors have in privatised companies - these are the sort of holdings that many stockbrokers simply don't want to have anything to do with.

Even where stockbrokers will handle small transactions they frequently impose punitive commissions: Barclays de Zoete Wedd for example has a minimum dealing charge of £50.00 - a sum that ensures that even the shrewdest small investment will be worth more to the broker than the investor.

When British Telecom was privatised the sales Prospectus assured would-be investors that 22 stockbroking firms would handle any subsequent sales at preferential rates: sales of up to £424 would only suffer a broker's commission of £7. That offer however expired a year ago - thus hundreds of thousands of BT shareholders are likely to find, if they try to sell their shares, that their broker does better out of the deal than they do.

Once again Thatcher's 'privatisation' programme has been shown to be a hoax. Millions of people have been conned into parting with billions of pounds in the belief that they will share in the control over, and profits from, British industry. In reality they will do neither - Capitalism is the enemy, not the ally, of the small investor.

MARXIST ARMY BRITISH TRAINED

MARGARET THATCHER may like to strike anti-Marxist 'Iron Lady' poses yet under her government the British Army has been under instructions to provide military training to Marxist troops.

At the end of December 105 troops of the Mozambique army completed a twelve week training course in Zimbabwe, run by BMATT, the British Military Advisory and Training Team. BMATT was formed in 1980, following the Tory sellout of Rhodesia, to create a 'Zimbabwe National Army' from the various rival black terrorist gangs that had been operating there.

Although President Chissano, head of the ramshackle one-party Communist dictatorship that is Mozambique, had hoped for an elite commando force he may have been slightly disappointed at what he got. At a display of target practice at the end of the course his troops showed little ability with their Czechoslovakian AK47 assault rifles.

GIFT

This was despite the fact that the British Government has just given them a gift of £95,000 worth of the latest Susat rifle sights - equipment so new that the British army itself is only just being issued with it. According to one BMATT instructor reported in the press the problem faced by the Mozambican troops was that they couldn't manage the difficult task of closing one eye, while keeping the other one open. "I've even tried putting a patch over one eye to get them used to it" he explained.

Ostensibly the unit was trained to fight Chissano's rivals in the Mozambique National Resistance. In reality it's just as likely that Mozambique's long-term aim is to train up troops to attack farmers and other civilians in South Africa. Several years ago the Tories were largely responsible for the destruction of White society in Rhodesia: in the years to come will they 'tool up' the Marxist states to try and destroy South Africa?

BRITISH SCIENCE UNDER THREAT

BRITISH SCIENCE gives 'major cause for concern' according to a recent report, by a team from the Science Policy Research Unit of Sussex University. Their study revealed a steady decline in the international standing of British Scientific research in recent years.

Most alarmingly British science was shown to be weakest in areas of technological importance for the future, such as metals and metallurgy, chemical engineering and solid state physics.

As one of the report's authors, Mr John Irvine, cogently put it, "These are the most systematic figures currently available. They document the reservations of the British scientific community and senior industrialists about government research policy and show the need to strengthen the research infrastructure".

If Britain is to face the next century as anything more than a banana republic research in new technology is vital. The National Front demands that it be given a high priority in Government spending.

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RACIALISM: Fact or Emotion?

Dr Henry Campbell M.A., Ph.D., A.C.P., F.R.S.A.

What is meant by Racialism?

Let us look at the family; here is a unit bonded together for whatever reason, social or economical. It is a clear fact; the family is a tightly-knit unit that guards its own secrets and its own unique customs. Within its confines it decrees its own laws that a 'visitor' would not infringe out of respect for the family. Age old taboos have generated a code of manners that is unwritten and unbroken.

From the family this extends to kinship links, the same unwritten code of ethics partly conforming to the code of the large societal structure and partly to the unique code of the family group linkage. Progressively this 'code structure' is embraced by groupings of families; neighbours, streets, districts, villages, towns. The street gang as kids, the village team, the local team, the big city teams and so on; all expressions of the pride in the unique 'unit', large or small. This is the pride in a bond community, the bond of family, of schooldays, of shops, cars, customs, moans and all the package of 'living our lives'.

This natural bonding is the essence of being a race of people brought up together from generation to generation over the period of time that it has taken for that particular 'area' to have formed itself into the nation, or race, that it is. When strangers come into this very personal and self-contained area, how can they but be alien? Visiting they might be accepted, regarded kindly and tolerated; but let them antagonise the code and customs at their risk. Ranks would be firmly closed against them.

Attempts to integrate into the home structure would never meet with complete success no matter how good the intention. Phrases such as 'the Italian down the street' are only too common, and these precipitated merely by a national distinction of language only and not by an obvious physiognomical and skin pigmentation differential.

The non-race individual will always stand out, and it is just this 'standing out' that causes the problem; the basic problem of just not fitting, of just not being in the right place.

INITIAL TRIBAL BONDINGS

We know that the ultimate emergence of homo sapiens led to the formation of small hunter-gatherer groups. Anthropologists have traced the social structure of these groups, the male domination developments, the kinship bondings, the genetic relations governing the size of the groups and the formation of colonies. We know how great a part was played by natural geographical barriers in containing tribal formations.

We know how a communication system evolved, firstly a semiotic format and then a linguistic schema that would be particular to

the specific group. With the evolution of language and reason - specific within the group area - would have come trade and commerce.

This inter-group relationship within the whole tribal structure would have developed a strong kinship bonding throughout the whole large group; the nation, the race would have developed a unique code of ethics which would have been generated from the basic small group societies. With the stabilisation of society areas through agriculture, commerce, trade routes, the nation considered as an isolated agglomeration would have evolved its own peculiar character.

It would have been bound by a common language; a common language that was initiated in the first group and from thence spread via the colonisation to the whole tribal and national area occupied by that particular tribe. It can be envisaged that the geographical restraints would have kept the thinly populated areas to specific regional zones.

groupings areas such a pride of area, pride of family, pride of 'zone' would sharpen the sense of national pride as a whole. The natural spirit of competitive relationships - strongly related to basic survival dispositions - would manifest itself as national unity and a nation pride when the trade and commerce routes became extended and nation had contact with nation.

Not only would the individuality of specific nationality now be accentuated by diverse language formations - and consequently diverse thought and concept areas - but marked variations of physiognomy and skin colouration would set the differences in greater relief and consequently elevate the threshold level of national pride. Discounting any allusion to Colonial Imperialism and a 'white man overseas' attitude, the uniqueness of the individual nation would still promote the sense of pride and nationalism of the particular nation. What, then, is meant by Racialism?

It is wrong to be proud of one's own family?

The fascinating diversity of humanity - the result of racial differences.



Mountain ranges, wide rivers, and areas of plain land, heavy forestation; all such conditions would be effective barriers and consequent markers of territorial boundaries. It must not be forgotten that in the evolution - the development - of the individual nations, also would have evolved the genius of homo sapiens in the area of aesthetics.

Art forms would have evolved pari-passu with the linguistic and technical prowess; taboos and religions would have abounded in the individual groupings and would have passed onto the tribal groupings. In all of its ramifications and diversities a national character and culture would slowly have come into being; a national character and entity that would be as proud and possessive of its national customs, culture and inheritance as any individual family unit from which it was engendered.

Within the national 'network' of small

Is it wrong to be proud of one's own village? Is it wrong to be proud of one's own tribe? Is it wrong to be proud of one's own nation? Such a pride involves the guarding of racial customs, the upholding of national 'frontiers' of custom and culture. It involves even the guarding of one's own nation's 'weak spots'. It is basically a jealousy of personal property. The other relevant fact that all this can be explained on a sociobiological structure in great penetrating depth is irrelevant to the man in the street.

The pride of race - Nationalism - Racialism - whatever name it is given, is a gut feeling. It is a fact, a fact of emotion. This emotion is the fact. To be a racist is to be proud of one's own race. It is a natural 'instinct', and instinct is what we, in the long run, live by.

WHITE INTERNATIONAL



THE FIGHT FOR A WHITE NEW ZEALAND

Britain. A League of Empire Loyalists was formed, and there was a shortlived attempt at a NZ National Front during the 60s.

A new generation of nationalists began to assert itself in 1975 with the formation of the Democratic Nationalist Party by Zandbergen and Bolton. Although a consistent nationalist ideology had not yet been developed, the DNP was the first political party to campaign on a pro-European-culture, anti-Maori-privilege platform.

In 1977 another attempt was made to establish a National Front, by David Crawford, who had previously been co-editor of the journals *Pointing Right* and *Heed*, and Bolton. This was the first movement since the war to seriously undermine the credibility of the multi-racialists, with the instant and continual publicity its name attracted.

In the early 80s a New Force party was formed by Zandbergen and Bolton, this being the first party to articulate a cohesive and well-developed racial-nationalist ideology, with a full-range of policies demanding radical socio-economic and financial reforms. The New Force won many battles against the Race Relations Act, confronted Red mobs in the streets, stood a candidate for parliament, and continued to gain publicity when its name was changed in 1983 to the Nationalist Workers' Party.

organisationally and ideologically, it is basically a racial-nationalist movement, and has evidently conducted a successful campaign in Christchurch against CORSO, the ANC-supporting "overseas charity organisation". The NZCF may be contacted at P.O.Box 14-072, Christchurch.



The logo of Realist Publications.

RACIAL NATIONALISM in New Zealand first manifested itself as a challenge to Chinese immigration during the late 19th century. The struggle was one of white workers (principally gold diggers) and their champions in parliament, against certain capitalist interests and the British Colonial Office who opposed immigration restriction.

Premiers Seddon, Stout, and Ward were among those who forthrightly stood for immigration restriction and white racial preservation.

Around this time a White Race League was formed, articulating an advanced racial ideology, which received backing from Premier Ward.

In 1901 a widely-travelled Briton, Lionel Terry, reached NZ. Terry was a talented artist and poet, and a visionary philosopher with a strong sense of social justice and an amazing knowledge of world politics.

In 1904 Terry wrote his pamphlet, *The Shadow*, which continues to provide a sound basis for contemporary NZ nationalism, with its call for white world revolution.

RADICAL NATIONALIST

The years following World War 1 saw the formation of a White NZ League again around the issue of Asiatic immigration, and the NZ Legion. The latter while not racially orientated, included in its programme an economic policy of radical nationalist type. Its leader, Dr Campbell Begg, a prominent surgeon, advocated an Economic Council drawn from all professions, trades and classes - a type of 'corporate state' structure - and the nationalisation of credit. The Legion appealed for a wartime-like resurgence of national patriotism and sacrifice to overcome the orthodox-bound thinking of both Left and Right, and finally collapsed through internal division between its progressive and reactionary factions.

Post-World War II NZ nationalism was basically an extension of happenings in

RACIAL STORM

In 1984 a virtual racial storm hit NZ, when the NWP began a leaflet campaign in Auckland, sensationalised for months by press, radio and T.V. and the usual collection of Leftists.

Bolton and Zandbergen were, as a result, brought before the Equal Opportunities Tribunal, charged under Section 9A of the Race Relations Act with "exciting racial disharmony", with 9 claimants (including the Auckland Jewish Council) claiming \$2000 each for "hurt feelings", plus numerous costs. Bolton had the charge against him dropped by the Tribunal on the grounds of a technicality, while Zandbergen was found "guilty", the penalties against him now being considered by the Tribunal.

In a separate tradition has been the NZ League of Rights, formed in 1970 as an affiliate to the Crown Commonwealth League. The policy is one of Douglas's Social Credit. Its primary value, in this writer's opinion, is the large range of books it promotes, including many revisionist titles, and such racial classics as Baker's *Race*, and Stoddard's *Rising Tide of Colour*. The League may be contacted at: P.O.Box 3447, Auckland.

In 1987 a NZ Conservative Front was formed under the direction of Ernest Thorton. Although it still has to develop

Following the demise of the NWP and its bi-monthly journal *Attack!* Bolton, who had been *Attack!* editor, decided to fill the void by launching a new bi-monthly in 1986, *The Realist*. Together with this journal is operated Realist Publications, which has to date printed 19 titles, including classics such as Terry's *The Shadow* and Yockey's *Proclamation of London*. Realist Publications also seeks to encourage a level of activism - albeit low-key at this stage - on the part of its supporters, providing leaflets for distribution. *The Realist* serves as a rallying point for a broad spectrum of patriotic opinion. It is hoped that eventually supporters may form themselves into groups from which capable spokesmen and organisers can be drawn, as a prelude to establishing, in co-operation with other groups, a soundly-based and durable united 'national front'. Realist Publications can be contacted at: P.O.Box 38-262, Petone, Wellington.

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MUSIC SCENE

A CLASSICAL FUTURE?

IN CONTEMPORARY society modern pop music with its catchy tunes and, for the most part, simplistic lyrical content is a common accepted part of day to day life. In Britain, Europe and America, a powerful multi-national music industry continues to promote modern pop music as the accepted form of popular culture.

Faced with the belief amongst a vast number of people, that the simplistic unimaginative tones of current pop music are the only credible form of music to listen to, what chance is there for the survival of a more traditional and complex form of music such as classical music itself?

The answer to this question lies initially in a comparison of the classical style of music with current music forms. Certainly in style and content, the work of composers such as Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance Marches*, Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture* or for example Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*, far outshines in depth and quality any music created by a contemporary songwriter or musician.

The fact remains that ordinary British citizens know little or nothing of classical music, and are unaware of the great tradition and wealth of musical knowledge contained there. If most people today are unaware of the tradition of classical music, how can it possibly influence the contemporary music scene.

Well the simple fact of the matter is that the

quality of the music in the current so-called pop scene is for the most part stagnating. The top one-hundred chart system is dominated by groups and artists whose musical skill is based around three chords or less; and whose idea of musical variety is to sometimes supply a different tune to a different song. The Market Research Board's weekly chart system is a testament to this unskilled approach to making music.

LACK ABILITY

Today's would-be musicians lack the ability to express themselves with any variety through music, because the majority of them lack the discipline of a formal training in how to read, write and compose music.

The fault for this lies squarely with the current 'free-for-all' of the comprehensive system of schooling, which no longer includes music or music composition as a set subject on the school's curriculum.

This is a criminal situation where young aspiring musicians are concerned. The complexity and depth of the classical style of music, allows the composer a wealth of expression which is far beyond the reach of most modern songwriters. A classical piece such as Greig's *Morning Mood* or Mussorgsky's *Night on the Bare Mountain* which concerns itself with the theme of Halloween; are able to quite vividly convey the story or subject of the music, without

using a single lyric.

BOB NASH

Some rock artists who have noted the variety of expression available in classical music, have attempted to combine a classical style of music with rock music. Two of the most notable artists to attempt this have been Rick Wakeman on his album, *The Six Wives of Henry VIII* (1973) and the group Emerson Lake and Palmer on their album *Pictures At An Exhibition* based largely on work by Mussorgsky, and later album *Works* (1977).

The above records are interesting because they show the potential the classical style of music has, in combination with modern recording techniques to enhance it.

In order to encourage a new generation of formally trained composers and musicians, what is first needed is a return to the teaching of music as a set subject in our schools. With a basic knowledge of how to compose music once more at the fingertips of young people, we could see a virtual re-birth of music in British culture and a revival of the standards of music that brought forth some of the greatest composers of our times.

The music of such composers as Edward Elgar, Vaughan Williams and William Walton is an example of the achievements of British culture, and is as much part of the British heritage and tradition as the natural countryside that we cherish. If we as a people were to let this tradition fade from memory, then British culture would be made that much poorer for it.

REVIEW

THE ANSWER TO MULTI-RACIALISM

ALMOST a decade ago a booklet was published by the National Union of Teachers. Called *Race, Intelligence and Education: A Teacher's guide to the facts and issues* it was written by two dogmatic Marxists, Professor Stephen Rose and Dr Ken Richardson.

The booklet was something of a minor masterpiece in its own way: just about every last half-baked pseudo-scientific claim or allegation ever made in support of multi-racialism was contained in its pages. There was no such thing as race, intelligence tests have nothing to do with measuring innate human potential, the development of civilisations is determined by economic factors, not those of racial biology, etc, etc.

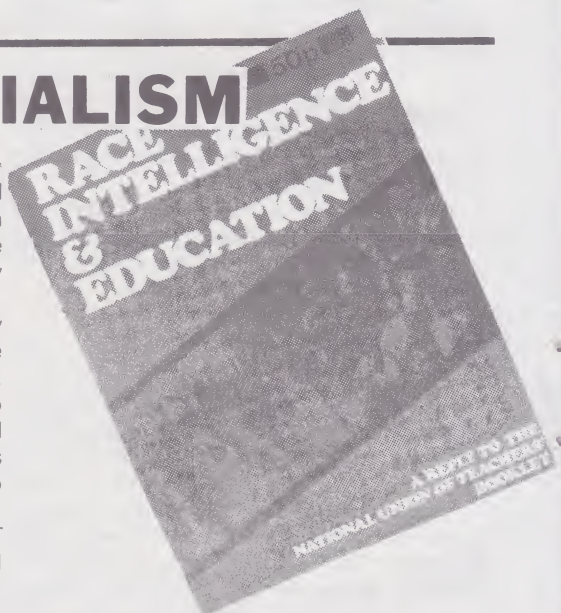
This booklet was then distributed to over 50,000 teachers throughout the United Kingdom, with the clear intention of 'educating', ie. indoctrinating, them with anti-racialist concepts. In fact the booklet turned out to be a significant flop, with very little, if any, impact on the teaching profession. Even the NUT soon ceased to plug their own publication.

The credit for this lies with a group of British school-teachers who produced *Race,*

Intelligence and Education - A Reply to the NUT booklet. It was a clear, concise and well-argued reply to the NUT booklet, which examined each of the main claims made there one by one, and systematically demolished them.

As a result the NUT booklet was quickly discredited, and was soon consigned to the dustbin in schools up and down the land. The *Reply* however lives on. In replying to the NUT the authors effectively examined virtually all of the 'scientific' arguments used by multi-racialists and proved them to be false.

Consequently the *Reply to the NUT* booklet deserves to be read by all Racial Nationalists: it has a valuable educational role in showing the significance of Race, and its importance in society, as well as showing how easily anti-racialist arguments on the subject can be destroyed. Although the *Reply* covers a number of specialist scientific areas in genetics and ethnology it is entertainingly written with the ordinary 'man in the street' in mind, and no prior specialist scientific knowledge is needed to enjoy and appreciate it.



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WHITE LIBERATION

OUR Durban correspondent John Humphries gives the third of his special reports on the current political scene in South Africa. He examines the Blanke Bevrydingsbeweging, a new pro-White organisation that has won massive international publicity since its formation.

THOSE WHO have read the previous two articles in this series (*The Battle for South Africa in Vanguard No.7 and A New Dawn for White South Africa in Vanguard No. 11*) will realise the basic dilemma now facing radical racial-nationalists in this country.

On the one hand our ideological and philosophical support lies firmly with the HNP rather than with the Conservative Party, and moreover there are still lingering doubts concerning the original motivations of certain of those who initially founded the CP and refused to co-operate with the HNP.

On the other hand, however, the recent General Election proved conclusively that the HNP is incapable of obtaining national political power, and furthermore that the centralised structure of the Party, and the influence exercised by certain power-cliques within the organisation now renders it irrelevant in real political terms.

For those of us faced with this dilemma the solution has been somewhat obvious, namely to operate for the immediate future on the extra-Parliamentary plane, thus hopefully influencing the political parties from the outside. This sphere, for so long seemingly the preserve of the anti-national multi-racial forces in this country, is in reality an arena where we can operate with even more efficiency, as the history of the White struggle in this country so well illustrates.

REVIVED SPIRIT

The vehicle for this revived spirit of White grassroots resistance is an organisation called the Blanke Bevrydingsbeweging, or to give it its English name (for the movement is completely bilingual) the White Liberation Movement. The Afrikaans initials, BBB, have however, been retained in both languages for their alliterative effect.

There have, of course, been several other racial-nationalist movements operating in

South Africa outside the party structure during the last decade or so. For the most part, however, these organisations have either been specific issue campaigns, such as the Save Rhodesia Campaign and Action White Natal, local pressure groups such as the Hillbrow Association of Legal Tenants and the Durban-based Civic Action League, or cultural and/or discussion societies like the National Forum, the Afrikaner Volkswag and the Patriotic Forum. The thing which makes the BBB different from not only these organisations but also from the political parties is that it is a nationwide grassroots White-rights activist movement.

In a way the BBB can be compared to the Loyalist paramilitary organisations in Northern Ireland - not that the situation of the White population in South Africa is anywhere near as perilous as that of the Loyalists in Ulster, so therefore paramilitary tactics are not required, but the risk of sell-out is the same, so therefore the similar necessity exists for an active patriotic defence movement to operate on a level where the political parties cannot and dare not function.

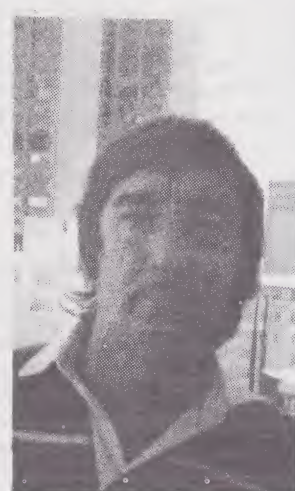
The BBB was founded as a secret organisation in 1984 following a terrorist

attack on a group of innocent Whites. The decision was made not to launch the movement publically prior to the General Election (originally due in 1986) so as not to be seen as a divisive element, further dividing patriotic forces at the time of this important poll. However it was at the same time decided that the organisation would be officially launched as soon as the Election was over.

The leader of the BBB is Prof. Johan Schabert, a genius of a man both politically and academically. He graduated with a BSc. degree from the University of Stellenbosch and went on to gain a MSc. from the University of Pretoria. Following this he established the Department of Biochemistry at the Rand Afrikaans University, where he officiated not only as a lecturer but also as the Head of the Department.

He has studied and lectured in his field around the world, and has gained a high international reputation for his research work into the biochemical composition of enzymes and cancerous matter. Politically he was for a number of years an active and highly popular member of the HNP, before eventually gaining the position of Vice-Chairman of the Party. Subsequently, however, he resigned from the HNP after he detected and exposed

WHO'S WHO IN THE BBB



Left: Leon Strydom, BBB National Organiser.

Centre: Allen McCabe, Chairman of the Johannesburg Western Suburbs Ratepayers Federation.

Right: Alan Harvey, Editor of the South African Patriot.

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(quite correctly) sinister leftist tendencies within certain cliques of the Party hierarchy.

The national organiser of the BBB, Leon Strydom, is no less of a political genius. Although still only a young man in his twenties his political credentials are equally impressive. An HNP candidate for Provincial Council in 1981, he went on to work as the official organiser of the Party for the whole of the East and West Rand. A popular and charismatic figure, he is a particular favourite amongst the younger generation of South African racial-nationalists.

HEADLINES

Following the official launch of the organisation it immediately hit the headlines in the establishment media. BBB placards in Afrikaans stating *Stop Terrorism - Repatriate all non-Whites* were produced and displayed (similar to party election posters, which are a common feature during South African elections) in a number of municipalities throughout the Rand and Northern Transvaal. Some councils, most notably Pretoria, banned them outright, but others, such as Johannesburg, Roodepoort and Verwoerdburg, initially allowed them to be displayed, until obscure municipal by-laws were invoked to force their removal.

Even more headlines-grabbing was the militant BBB demonstration against the returning Daker traitors (renegade Afrikaans liberals who held talks with ANC terrorist murderers) at Jan Smuts Airport, where the more recognisable of the traitors, such as van Zyl Slabbert and Alex Borrairie, took fright at the prospect of being confronted by the waiting mass of demonstrators, and took the next available connecting flight to Cape Town!

Though less widely reported another BBB action took place at a certain West Rand supermarket. Following complaints from White customers about the rude and over-efficient "searching" of their personal effects by non-White "security" personnel, BBB members took a leaf out of the European Communists' book by filling their trolleys full of perishable goods before abandoning them - together with the appropriate protest notes - in front of the tills!

FULL SUPPORT

Both the magazines published by Patriotic Press, namely *S.A. Patriot* and *Kommando*, have pledged their full support to the new movement, and indeed the latest edition of *Kommando* features an in-depth interview with Prof Schabert. Having established its strength in the Transvaal the BBB is now spreading its activities to the rest of the country. In late August Prof. Schabert visited Natal to address the Patriotic Forum in Durban, and so impressive was his speech that the organisation pledged its full backing to the BBB, and indeed a *Kommando* (branch) of the movement has now been established

in the city.

Another prominent member of the BBB is Mr Allen McCabe, the Chairman of the Johannesburg Western Suburbs Ratepayers Federation. Under Mr McCabe's able leadership this body has been successfully opposing the infiltration of non-Whites into this working-class area of Johannesburg. On the 6th October, following the encampment of a Coloured family in this White area, Allen McCabe led a protest march through the streets of Mayfair (unlike London, this is the name of a working-class district of Johannesburg) chanting "Keep Mayfair

White" and other pro-BBB slogans. It is believed that his was the first White working-class protest demonstration in South Africa since the days of the 1922 Strike.

The BBB differs from most other White racial-nationalist organisations in South Africa in as much as they have a complete global-outlook, and view the White Man's struggle in South Africa as part and parcel of the White struggle worldwide. For this reason the BBB welcome contact from White nationalists and organisations from around the world.

THE REAL ENEMY

ANYBODY naive enough to think that it's only black Marxist terrorist organisations like the ANC that are trying to destroy White South Africa should think again.

We reproduce below excerpts from pamphlets issued by Barclays to their UK staff boasting how their subsidiary uses its financial and economic muscle to force multi-racialism onto the White people of South Africa.

What is Barclays involvement in South Africa?

Barclays operates in 17 African countries and has been in South Africa since 1925. In the early 1970s, Barclays had a 100% interest in Barclays National Bank. This has been reduced over the years to a minority 40.4% share and Barclays no longer owns or controls Barclays National.

BOTH BARCLAYS AND BARCLAYS NATIONAL ARE TOTALLY OPPOSED TO APARTHEID.

What is Barclays National Bank?

Barclays National is a multi-racial, equal opportunity company. It provides equal pay for equal work for all staff. Numerous benefits are available to everyone and there is full integration at the bank's offices, training centres and leisure facilities. Barclays National Bank recognises a multi-racial trade union.

To achieve all this, Barclays National has often had to push back the barriers of apartheid as when it appointed the first black cashier and then the first black bank manager in the '60s. Even multi-racial training was not permitted when the bank introduced it in the '70s as part of an extensive programme for assisting people from underprivileged backgrounds to accelerate their careers.

This attitude has led to Barclays National, which accounts for about 23% of the South African banking system, employing over 43% of the Black Africans, Coloureds and Asians in banking, the substantial majority in clerical and managerial positions up to director level. Between 1980 and 1985 the number of 'non white' staff increased by 41% against an increase in white staff of 15%. IT HAS ALSO LED TO BARCLAYS NATIONAL BEING KNOWN IN SOUTH AFRICA AS THE 'ANTI-APARTHEID' BANK.

How does Barclays National help black business and the underprivileged majority in South Africa outside the bank?

Barclays National provides assistance to the whole community in a variety of ways above and beyond the basic banking service. Black business receives help from a specialist development unit as well as through bursaries for black businessmen and students to attend management courses at universities throughout South Africa. Substantial support and aid is also given to the black agricultural community.

Since 1976 Barclays has only provided loans to the South African Government where the money could be seen to be used in improving the living standards of the black population, for example in African housing and education, and for bringing electricity to the black

Why Barclays National in South Africa should be supported

Barclays and Barclays National have stated many times that they deplore the evil system of apartheid and the slow movement of the South African Government in dismantling it.

Both banks have continually made their views known and have called for specific reforms. Barclays National was one of the architects of the South African businessmen's first talks with the African National Congress in Lusaka in 1985 and both banks continue to speak to all political groups.

MAKE HISTORY, NOT EXCUSES

AN INTERVIEW WITH
PROFESSOR JOHAN
SCHABORT, LEADER OF THE
WHITE LIBERATION
MOVEMENT IN SOUTH
AFRICA.

The following text is taken from an interview given by Prof. Schabort to the South African racial nationalist magazine *Kommando*. Much of what Prof. Schabort says is highly controversial, and will doubtless cause offence to multi-racialists everywhere, and we make no apologies for reprinting it here. The White Liberation Movement is of growing political influence in South Africa and has won publicity worldwide. As such it is important that people in Britain have the opportunity to hear their side of the story, to find out what motivates the Movement, and what its objectives are.

Those wishing to read the full interview should obtain issue no. 3 of *Kommando*.



Q. Professor Schabort, won't you please tell us something about your background?

Briefly, I am 49 years old, and qualified in biochemistry. I received my professorship in this field in 1972 and founded the Department of Biochemistry at the Rand Afrikaans University (RAU). I was head of that Department until my retirement a few months ago.

Q. You obviously have a very impressive academic past and could still achieve much more in that field - why have you now decided to switch careers into politics?

Firstly, I have actually been involved in politics for over 18 years already. I have been vice-chairman of the Herstigte Nasionale Party and a member of various groups through the years, so it isn't "all of a sudden" that I have decided to enter politics.

Q. What is your motivating force, your driving factor?

My driving force is very simple. My love for my children, my people, my race.

Q. Can you state briefly your general philosophy?

Basically my philosophy can be centred around one crucial point - the survival and genetic improvement of the White race. I believe that competition between different ideas, different abilities and different species is part of the creative evolutionary process. Abilities obtained through competitive struggle and hard work over many generations are fixed within the genetic framework of the race, which culminate in power - the iron Laws of Nature state that the best and strongest species will take power - and the best and strongest is the White race.

Q. What do you mean by "genetic improvement"?

What today passes as the "White Race" is simply not enough to withstand the challenges facing it in years to come. Genetic improvement, or the science of Eugenics, is what the American, Richard McCullough in his book, *Destiny of Angels*, calls "evolutionary responsibility". In other words, that the creation is the logical extension of evolution. The White race must be bred to produce the absolute finest to prevent the approaching mud race flood from engulfing us.

Q: Mud Race . . . What or Who are the Mud Races?

The mud races are the non-White races in Africa who, historically and scientifically have proven that they are inferior. They cannot maintain the standards set by the excellent White race. It is important to understand that these differences are genetic not environmental - that they are unchangeable.

Q: All Right, What then do you want us to do about the Mud Races?

What we want to do, no, what we must do, can be summed up in one word: repatriation. In nature when there is competition between different species or groups, the competition is always ended in one of three ways: a) the weaker species may be enslaved - b) or the weaker species is exterminated - or c) the weaker species is either removed or flees. These are normal, natural processes that are followed in accordance with the laws of nature.

Q. How do you plan to take power?

The path to democracy is still open, but the problem is that those parliamentary groups who are fighting for the White race are not saying the things that need to be said. Power is to be achieved by openly and unashamedly propagating the correct policy - a genuine White Power philosophy.

We hope to persuade other groups as to the correctness of such a philosophy. We will point out our differences with them, but also stress our points of agreement as well. We view the other groups as comrades in the racial struggle, and have a brotherly attitude towards them. Be that as it may, we are going to wait until 1989, (when hopefully there will be an election) by which time we hope to have persuaded enough people of the wisdom of absolute White Power; and we will support the group in that election which has the most in common with our principles. After that we shall decide if a new political party is needed.

What I should also add is that if by that time the constitution has been amended to such an extent that the Whites cannot achieve power through the electoral process, then we will be forced to resort to methods which were used by other White people in history when their normal electoral procedures were blocked.

Repatriation (or removal) is the most just option for us to follow. It has worked everywhere it has been used. Three examples spring to mind: the repatriation of almost 3 million Germans from that part of Eastern Germany which became Poland in 1945, the repatriation of Palestinian Arabs from Palestine (Israel) by the Jews from 1948

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until the present day and the expulsion of millions of Africans from one country to another such as occurred in North West Africa in the late 1970s.

This destruction of the White race includes the entire spectrum of the terror assault against the White race - from physical armed terrorism (bombings and so on), to crime, work stoppage and economic sabotage. Most of all it includes the genetic pollution of the White race's gene pool.

Repatriation is the only practical solution to solving the problem of the destruction of the White Western civilization. The BBB is, in fact choosing the 'liberal' option offered by nature.

Q: You talk about Repatriation - But where to?

As a first phase, repatriation must take place to the already demarcated homelands.

Q: Are the demarcated homelands big enough to accomodate all the Blacks?

I don't care about that - the only thing that I care about is the White race's country - is that big enough? We say that the Blacks have the rest of Africa plus the homelands, and that is enough.

Q: So you view the White race's claim as being based on power and not on historical grounds?

Yes, power is the only right. No historical rights have ever been acknowledged as valid throughout history. No people have been able to claim a land because "they were there first". Throughout history, if a people were occupying a land and a stronger nation came along, the stronger one simply drove out the weaker one. Rights come from power, from actual physical occupation.

History is full of examples of the natural process - the easiest to refer to being, of course, America. The original inhabitants of that land (the Red Indians), could historically claim the entire continent - except that the laws of Right of Power have come into play - the White race arrived and drove the Indians out. The Indians have lost their right to America, not because they "arrived second", but because they were too weak to resist the superior force.

Q: How long will you take to repatriate all the Blacks?

First we must achieve political power. From the time that we do this we will institute a two-year plan, during which our intention to remove the non-Whites from the White areas will be made clear and plain to all the non-Whites. Self removal will be encouraged. At the end of the two-year period repatriation must be done extremely quickly - within a matter of weeks.

Q: Some people will say they have moral objection to repatriation. How will you answer them?

The highest deciding principle involved here is the safety and survival of the White race - and not the future of the mud races. I cannot understand why they are so concerned with the future of the mud races, but apparently don't give a damn about their own race's

future. They must first of all consider what is best for their race, and their race only.

Integration will kill the White race - so therefore for us to survive, we must separate. I can assure you that the survival of the White race is the very last thing the mud races are concerned with, they want what is best for them and we should want what is best for us. Why should we be the odd ones out in this respect.

Q: Is repatriation not impractical because of the economic interdependence between Black and White, especially here in South Africa?

Of course, this is true in this respect only. We cannot take the Black out of the economy immediately - precisely because of this interdependence factor. It must be done in stages. This is why I referred to the two year period. Total repatriation hinges upon a restructuring of the economy. The economy has to be changed from a labour intensive



economy to a technological and knowledge intensive economy where we are not dependent upon Black labour or Black buying power. Within two years we can change the economic infrastructure by means of rationalisation and when that has been settled, repatriation must take place at a very fast pace.

I want to make it clear, that the new economic order we are talking about is not simply replacing Black labour with White labour, but replacing Black labour by White initiative and skills. We are talking about a technocratic economy.

Q. Can we restructure the economy on these lines without causing a drop in our living standards?

We estimate that the removal of the mud races will cause an economic output drop of about 30%, but this will be more than compensated for by the following plus factors: a) the billions of rand wasted on aid to the mud races will be stopped, (thereby pegging one of the biggest causes of inflation) - b) the nationalisation of our enemies' wealth (this will include about 80% of this country's mineral and industrial wealth) - and c) what we lose in terms of Black buying power will be compensated for by the fact that the non-presence of Blacks

will actually save us millions of rand merely in terms of what they steal from us!

Q. So what you are saying is that what we lose on the swings we will make up on the roundabout?

Yes, precisely so. In fact, mere nationalisation of the mines and the stopping of aid to Blacks will give us so much spare money that I predict within 5 years of this happening, we can easily double our living standards. There is no doubt about it, repatriation is the only way in which our survival and advancement can be assured.

Q: If your aim is to influence other groups (presumably such as the AWB) then why didn't you join them and work from within? Why did you establish yet another group?

We didn't join the other groups because of a basic principle/policy point. We believe firmly that Blacks and Whites cannot share the same geographical area - in other words, we believe in total separation. No other party believes or says this. Even the AWB is prepared to permit the presence of Blacks in the White homeland. We reject the mere presence of Blacks in White areas as cultural and racial pollution. Even to develop a pure culture requires a pure environment.

Q: How big is the BBB?

As a matter of policy we do not release membership figures, but I can tell you that we have widespread support amongst the rank and file of all right wing groups. We have even had some enquiries from National Party people. The support is countrywide, from Cape Town to Louis Trichardt, from Durban to Windhoek. Speaking for myself, I am certainly not in this fight for a seat in parliament, in fact, I say openly that I will destroy that tri-cameral parliament.

I believe in a system of meritocracy, where everyone must qualify to vote and show exceptional ability to become a public representative. Obvious qualifications will be correct White ancestry, an exemplary conduct record and sufficient knowledge of racial and political dynamics.

Q: Any final words?

I would like to make an earnest appeal to all White men of courage to stand up and fight - this may be your last opportunity to do so.

For too long have we lived in fear of speaking the truth - the time has come to break the shackles of our bondage and to re-establish our position in this world. The time will come when the inferior peoples will again cry out (as they did many years ago) "Lord protect us from the fury of the men of the North!"

Don't make excuses, make history!

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TROUBLESHOOTING

LOONIES MEET THEIR WATERLOO

THE National Front has known some strange characters in our history: sometimes in small groups, as in the mid-1970's when we attracted a group of what can only be described as "elderly Tory ladies" who came complete with flowery hats. Sometimes we have attracted individual cranks; up to about five years ago we were saddled with one Victor Logan whose interjections at AGM's were an endless source of hilarity.

However such characters rarely caused more than a hiccup in the National Front's steady progress from a coalition of different groups with very different views into an adult political movement with a coherent ideology and a complementary set of policies. This progress has sometimes been quick and sometimes slow but only once has it been brought to a complete halt.

In the mid-1970's we attracted a relatively large number of disaffected Conservatives and at that stage in our development it was difficult to resist the inevitable pressure to modify some of our policies accordingly. This was perhaps most prominently noticed in John Tyndall's 1979 draft General Election Manifesto.

IRONICALLY

Ironically around this time the party also attracted a number of younger, educated, mainly middle class members who came from what can only be described as Conservative backgrounds. Once within the party they tended to rise fairly rapidly up the party hierarchy. At the same time they came in contact - often for the first time - with radical racial nationalist ideas and with ordinary working class members.

The perhaps inevitable result was that they adopted the clothing of radical racial nationalism while in fact retaining their class prejudices and arrogance. Each radical idea they came across became the 'only possible interpretation of racial nationalism'; Strasserism came and went, Bellocian distributism had a brief run in the limelight, other ideas came and went, even some obscure Roumanian had his moment of adulation.

Within many of these philosophies and ideas there was often much sense and much that could be incorporated within an overall philosophy of racial nationalism. What regularly caused problems was the insistence of concentrating all the party's resources and literature in whichever direction happened to be the latest fashion.

It was clear that they also resented not being universally hailed as the only people on importance within the party. Anyone who criticised them immediately became an object of their hatred, Andrew Brons, Martin Wingfield and others plus several complete branches were regarded by them not as allies in a common struggle but as enemies to be got rid of.

This came to a head in December 1985 when they launched an attempted coup aiming to pick off their 'enemies' one by one. The history of this failed coup has been written several times. However only now that this faction is effectively finished can we see just how cynical, arrogant and damaging such people can be.

Only once has the National Front's progress towards ideological coherence

National Front members assemble to honour Britain's war dead.



been stopped and that was when this small group of 'middle class student revolutionaries' seized power. An examination of the literature that they have produced shows that every 'radical' idea they came across was pounced upon and treated as the law, never to be questioned or critically examined.

While the mainstream NF continued to develop its ideology and policies this 'lunatic fringe' managed to shoot off in several different directions at the same time.

One of their number discovered that Colonel Gaddafi of Libya had some radical economic ideas and so his 'little green book' became compulsory reading, ignoring the fact that Gaddafi keeps himself in power by ruthlessly suppressing political opposition while he is happy to keep the IRA supplied with arms.

Meanwhile their overpowering ambition regularly drove them into attacks on leading loyalists in Northern Ireland - all well and easy when you are living in the comfort and security of Huntingdon or North Wales.

Perhaps their greatest hypocrisy however was their attitude to ordinary NF members. If such members agreed with their 'cadre elite leaders' they were arrogantly patronised, if they disagreed they were equally arrogantly derided and abused - and most of them became disenfranchised.

INEVITABLE

However like all corrupt dictatorships it was inevitable that they would meet their Waterloo - they did so on Sunday 8th November 1987. Each year the NF holds a Remembrance Day parade from Victoria to The Cenotaph to honour our war dead. As

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usual we put in our application for such a parade. A Mr Harrington, a member of their 'cadre elite' put in an application for a march along the same route at a slightly later time.

Inevitably the police refused to allow two completely separate marches, but on the day we were able to persuade them, albeit with some difficulty, to agree to one march immediately behind the other - "one coach length apart".

The two marches formed up and it rapidly became clear that almost all those present recognised our march as the legitimate National Front. When the marches were forming up some people inadvertently ended up on their march. As they realised their mistake there was a steady stream of people leaving their group to form up in our column until we had 500 people while they were reduced to just 50.

Harrington had told the police that he would not agree to two separate marches. When he was told that it was either both going or neither would be allowed, he seemed quite happy as he told the police that it would be neither.

At 2.30 the police ordered both sides to disperse. Harrington immediately jumped into a taxi with his mother. The people in his group were left leaderless and were easily dispersed by the police, despite Harrington's earlier threats to "stand up to police oppression".

The attempt to disperse the NF met with fierce resistance and the police were forced to allow us to hold a rally and then to allow a delegation down Victoria Street to lay a wreath at Westminster Abbey.

The little clique have lost their Waterloo and the NF can now resume our development and growth. Their tiny group has inflicted considerable damage - but nothing that 1988 cannot put right.

The NF now has its most developed set of policies that we have ever had and we have a nationwide political movement. The only little job we have left is to persuade 53 million people that we are right, then the future truly belongs to us!

THE JEWISH QUESTION

STEVE BRADY & TOM ACTON

AS THE EDITORIAL in the last Vanguard put it, "For forty years it has been taboo to discuss 'The Jewish Question'. It is now time for that taboo to be lifted and for British Nationalists to spell out more clearly than before our policies concerning Judaism, Zionism and the Jewish people."

Why? Surely the mention of 'The Jewish Question' just leaves us open again to the 'Nazi' smear, and erodes our credibility among the British people?

The answer is two-fold. Firstly because the relationship between the Jews and the host countries in which they live is an issue of critical relevance to the world today. Secondly we don't have the option of not having a clearly stated Jewish policy, because our opponents will merely claim that our policies are so appallingly extreme we don't dare mention them.

CORE

The core of the Jewish question is this: are Jewish communities in non-Jewish societies loyal components of those societies, differing only in religion but no more alien than Methodists or agnostics? Or do outside loyalties outweigh any feelings of solidarity to the host population? Can a Jewish community ever **really** be a full part of the Gentile nation it inhabits? Does it, should it, ever really want to be?

The answer, according to most leading Jews is **no**. Jews must always owe their supreme loyalty to their fellow Jews, and above all to the Jewish motherland Israel. The tremendous effect of this 'Zionist' ideology on relationships with, and loyalties to, the host nation is manifest in the ludicrous subservience of the world's greatest military power, the USA, to the miniscule State of Israel.

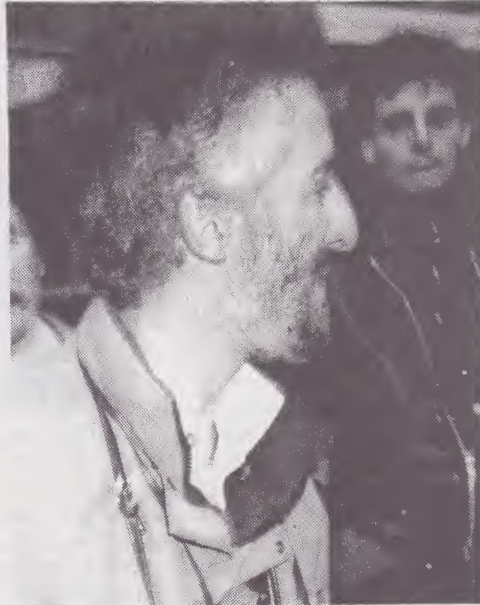
The threat to national interests posed by Zionist Jews is not limited to America. In Britain too Jews are heavily over-represented in Parliament and Government in proportion to their share of the total population.

Could Britain rely on the total loyalty of these Jews among her rulers, if, as could happen, the vital interests of Britain and Israel clashed head on? Let's not forget that Israel kept Argentina supplied with weapons to kill our Servicemen throughout the Falklands War.

With Jews of debatable loyalty prominent not just in our government (Lawson, Young, Currie etc) but the media (Hoch, alias Maxwell, Winogradsky, alias Grade etc), commerce (Sieff, Halpern, Wolfson etc), the City (see list of Guinness defendants etc) and so on, it is clear the Jewish Question is of burning relevance to Britain too.

NO ACCIDENT

Even where Jews are not primarily loyal to other Jews it's rarely because they are loyal to their host population. As Oxford historian



Michael Cohen: Jewish photographer for the Communist magazine Searchlight. Does a sense of alienation lead him to support anti-British causes?

RN Carew-Hunt observed, "It is no accident that so many of the Communist leaders from Marx's day onward have been Jews". Equally it is no accident that today Jews hold less power in the Soviet Union than in many a Capitalist nation.

Perhaps the key is that when Communism was the political force most alienated from the host society of Czarist Russia a disproportionate number of Jews were Communists. Now the dissidents are the political force most alienated from the host society of Communist Russia a disproportionate number of Jews are dissidents. At both times most Jews were Zionists; what they were not is a part of the host nation. Forever 'other', forever outside; alien and alienated - is this the key to the problem?

The answer will not be found in most previous Nationalist analyses of the Jewish Question, which counterpose to the suggestion that the Jews are responsible for no problems the assertion, *Protocols*-style, that the Jews are the cause of every problem. Conspiracy theories which range from the unprovable to the incredible do nothing to cast light on the Jewish Question or

credibility on the Nationalist movement.

The root of the Jewish Question is surely not conspiracy but alienation. Those who regard themselves as 'Jews' do not, usually, regard themselves as full members of the non-Jewish nation they inhabit. They are culturally alien, and perceive themselves as such. This alienation expresses itself as hostility to the nationalism of the host population, which is perceived as a threat, and identification with Zionism (essentially the nationalism of Jews irrespective of domicile) and with support for other movements alienated from the host population, be it Marxism, Negro 'Civil Rights', Soviet dissidence, anarchism etc.

It follows that since the Jewish community cannot be part of the Nation it will always be apart from it; at best indifferent, at worst hostile, to any national revival, even before the Hitler episode fuelled their worst fears, and fired them with a bitter hatred of host countries' Nationalisms. The problem is exacerbated by the disproportionate power and influence of Jews in many countries, caused mainly by the fact that they are an internally cohesive, mutually supporting, community existing, in Europe and America, in societies that themselves lack cohesion and a sense of identity.

The inescapable conclusion is that the presence of a large and powerful Jewish community in any country, such as we have in Britain today, is, and inherently must always be, a threat to the aspirations and best national interests of the host population. As British Nationalists it is our duty to try to remove all threats to our nation. It is in the long-term interests of everyone, Jews as well as Britons, to honestly face the problems caused by the Jewish presence in Britain and to find answers that are both fair and humane.

TWO WAYS

There are only two ways that Judaism can be eliminated from British society - assimilation and repatriation. Lunatic 'anti-racists' may whine about 'extermination', but that is merely a reflection of their paranoia and has nothing to do with serious politics.

Assimilation - simply making the Jews into loyal citizens of Britain - seems superficially both humane and reasonable. There are however problems in practice. Globally the adherents of Judaism vary significantly in their ethnic make-up. It goes without saying that the likes of the Falashas, 'Black Jews', could not be acceptable in Britain on racial grounds. Most Jews in Britain however are of the Ashkenazi wing of Judaism, and are ethnically Europid in the broadest sense of the term. Could they not be assimilated en masse?

The failure of the limited assimilation advocated by the Reform movement within Judaism, to 'de-alienate' the Jews within the framework of the Jewish religion, has however shown that assimilation would require Jews to renounce their 'Jewishness', their religion and cultural heritage. Few would do so voluntarily; compulsion would be morally unacceptable, and in practice unworkable, as the 'conversion' of the Marrano Jews in Spain illustrates.

A few Jews may genuinely want to assimilate, indeed many British Nationalist organisations over the years have had members who were partly, or wholly, of Jewish descent. In practice however assimilation is unlikely to be the answer for more than a tiny minority of Jews.

FAVOURERD ANSWER

The real solution is repatriation, sending Jews to a nation of their own - Israel. This is of course the solution favoured by many Jews themselves, including the Zionist themselves. The cause of the Jew's alienation has always been rootlessness, that he is a stranger in a strange land, and that his people have for millennia been a landless nation existing on other's soil. So give the Jews roots, give them their own native land. There is at least some truth in the Jews belief that Israel is where they came from, and merit in the Zionists belief that it is where they should return to.

Repatriating the Jews to Israel removes the Jewish problem at a stroke as far as every White country that does it is concerned - Jews in Israel harm no White nation. Its what Zionists say they want, what most Jews claim to want. Israel's Law of Return guarantees every Jew citizenship, and Israel would benefit from extra settlers to farm, hold and fight for the land.

The likes of Hoch, Brittan, Lawson and Gewitz, 'anti-racist' Jews to a man, may not jump for joy at being offered instant, involuntary "aliyah". But unless they admit Zionism is a con what can they say against it? How can they condemn an NF policy which will largely consist of quotes from leading Jews as to the Israeli destiny of the Jewish people.

An NF policy that recognises Israel's right to exist may well be condemned as 'kosher' by some. But what do they suggest? Cheering on a 'Victory to Palestine' which, if it came, would mean more Jews in Europe and America?

Repatriation is the real answer to the Jewish problem. It's easy for us to support, difficult for them to oppose - we're only agreeing with them after all. It is humane, principled and will free us from their influences once and for all.

The Jews won't like us any more for agreeing with what they say, but their opposition to us will be less effective, and a barrier to our realisation of our potential support among the public reduced.

And in the end it's as much the best for the Jews as it is for us. In their own land the Jews of the world will at last not be aliens.

Fight Back For Britain!

IF YOU believe in Britain, if you believe in the Nationalist cause, then please give the National Front your active support. Join the thousands of people all over Britain who are working for National Freedom. Remember - the worst Nationalist is an armchair Nationalist.

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COMMON SENSE

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for the first 12 issues of *Vanguard*: it makes sound common sense on every page! One thing however I didn't find in the *Vanguard* back-issues and that is pithy comments from the Front on the modern tinpot imported "faiths" such as the Moonies, or Ron Hubbard's "Scientology" church, or Rajeesh Bhagwan's sect, all filled with gullible British kids, who don't see through them for what they are (including the silly Hare Krishna sect).

Race row pianist sacked

By DECLAN
CUNNINGHAM

SCHOOL pianist Karen Alcott hit out last night at education chiefs who sacked her for refusing to play Indian religious music.

The 33-year-old musician said playing for the Hindu Festival of Light, known as "Diwali," compromised her Christian beliefs.

Concerning religious issues I enclose a cutting from the *Daily Express* in hope that the Front will support her cause, since the Church cannot, or will not, support her faith. Suppose the boot was on the other foot, and a Hindu or Moslem refused to play hymn-tunes . . .

Yours sincerely,
L. Lloyd,
West Midlands.

Editors Note -Our thanks to Mr. Lloyd for highlighting this omission. We hope to be taking a look at L. Ron Hubbard, and other self appointed saviours in a future issue.

EXCELLENT

Dear Editor,

Many congratulations for producing such an excellent magazine, which has been long awaited by every Nationalist.

Your articles which include all aspects of Nationalism are very informative and provide essential reading.

I particularly enjoyed your article which focussed on Nationalism in Australia, because I felt it showed that England is not the only country in the world which has an Immigration problem.

Good Luck in 1988 and keep up the excellent work.

Yours, fighting for Britain,
Dean O'Brien,
West Midlands.

RADICAL ALTERNATIVE

Dear Editor,

I read Steve Brady's article on Islam ("The Third Enemy", *Vanguard* No.14) with interest. What Steve says may be true, but surely Islam is still a radical alternative to Capitalism and Communism and the Arabs don't like the Zionists. So surely the enemy of our enemies is our friend?

Yours Sincerely,
David Crawford,
Cambridge.

Steve Brady replies: If little green men from Alpha Centauri invaded the Earth intent upon turning humanity into roast meat for their Sunday dinners, they'd be a "radical alternative to Capitalism and Communism" too. And they probably wouldn't be too keen on Zionists either. But any racial nationalist allies they acquired as a result would end up sooner or later on the table, done to a turn, with an apple in their mouths just like everyone else. Your enemy's enemy isn't necessarily your friend. He may just be a worse enemy.

Making an alliance with the fire against the frying pan isn't, as some seem to think, a "clever strategy". It is just a rather stupid form of suicide. Islam isn't, as we are, the enemy of Capitalism and Communism because it hates multi-racialism, internationalism, and universalism. It is just a rival bunch of multi-racialists, internationalists and universalists. They are not an ally, actual or potential, just our third great enemy.

RACIST PLOT!!!

Dear Editor,

I have here in front of me 25p's worth of newspaper called *New Voice*, labelled as "*Britain's biggest ethnic news weekly*".

The lead story is entitled, 'Euro Racist Thugs in Camden Plot', and goes on to detail how the stabbing of a young Bangladeshi is actually part of a larger, well thought out plot designed to intimidate Kings Cross Asians, presumably into leaving the country. The Asians, being particularly brave of course, have decided not to leave.

The paper must have much larger resources than I thought, to carry out this sort of detective work. The next line

dispelled any such illusions though. I quote:-

"Investigations by anti-racists, particularly the courageous anti-fascist journal, *Searchlight*, reveal . . . blah blah blah."

Ho hum I thought, Gerry Gable has been at it again. I read on anyway, just in case anyone stopped me in the street to ask how the international nazi thug plot to rid Camden of Indian restaurant waiters was going.

Then it got interesting. After telling its readers to walk round in groups of 4 or 5 to deter these desperately dangerous fascists it went onto quote an anonymous young Asian who revealed that apart from also believing the nazi super-plot and thinking that the police aren't doing their job, (no-one with a swastika tattooed on their forehead has actually been caught I suppose), he and his friends have already drawn up plans which include violence. Oh I see, I thought, violence is alright for Asians but not alright for Whites, even though both might feel that they are defending their inalienable rights.

If anyone feels like asking the police what they intend to do about gangs of armed Asians roaming the streets looking for anyone they don't like the look of can I suggest that they get in touch with the area's local Crime Prevention Officer, Sergeant Bill Ranson. Better still why not go to the very top and ask Peter Imbert himself. He's just taken over as top cop in the Met and probably knows most of us quite well, he's spent over sixteen years in the Special Branch.

Yours sincerely,
James Hall,
W. London.

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NEWS FROM KENYA

BLACK SPOT

"I think some of these road signs that were implanted by Europeans should be changed. There are many but one example is this 'Black Spot'. Most of the casualties hit by cars at these spots were African, while most cars were owned by Europeans and I presume this was the origin of this sign, Black meaning African. Don't you think that anybody can now be killed at these spots whether Black, White or even animals, resulting in death or loss of blood. So why don't we use Death or Red Spot?"

A WOMAN'S PLACE...

"Kenyan women could learn a lot from their Ugandan counterparts. On cold mornings, I understand, a good Ugandan wife will prostrate herself on the floor on her husband's side of the bed, so that he won't have to step down on a cold floor. It's small gestures like this that make a happy home. Another area in which Ugandans excel is in giving their husbands a bathe. They start by bowing and help their husband undress. She soaps him making sure that none gets into his eyes. A wife who helps her husband bathe is a superior person whom any man would feel proud stepping on when he gets out of bed".

The above extracts are from letters published recently in Kenyan daily newspapers.

KENTUCKY FRIED MAO



Chairman Mao's mausoleum - as seen from inside a Chinese Kentucky Fried Chicken shop.

THE Kentucky Fried Pidgeon, sorry Chicken, that symbol of American consumerism is now on sale in communist China. And not just anywhere in Red China either.

The world's largest KFC shop, capable of seating 500 people, has just been opened in Tiananmen Square, in the heart of the Chinese capital Peking. The square is of no little symbolic significance to Chinese communism since it contains the mausoleum to Mao Tse Tung, the 'Great Helmsman' who

slaughtered millions of his fellow Chinese ostensibly for being the agents and lackeys of capitalism imperialism.

The menu is of course exactly the same as in the 57 other countries that KFC operate in. A meal in the Peking shop will cost up to £2 - almost a weeks wages for most Chinese in a land where workers are employed by the state and few receive more than subsistence wages.

MARX RULES OK YAH!

AFTER the Yuppies (Young Upwardly-mobile Professionals) and the Dinkies (Double Income, No Kids) came the Yummies. Yummies? That's the latest acronym, used to describe Young Upwardly-mobile Marxists.

The Yummies were out in force in Hammersmith, West London, recently at the 40th congress of the Communist Party. Lenin badges were out, and designer labels firmly in as the 'revolutionary proletariat' assembled. Firmly out was the cloth cap, or anything that remotely smacked of anything as down-market as manual labour. In was the latest in high fashion from expensive shirts, down to Italian patent leather shoes.

The favourite fashion accessory of the Yummie is not a copy of *Das Kapital* or the *Communist Manifesto*. What today's Gucci socialist has to hand at all times is, of course,

that ultimate symbol of Yuppiedom, the designer filofax - £40 of leather one-upmanship sold to him by *Marxism Today*.

And no self-respecting upwardly-mobile Marxist would be complete without his *Marxism Today* 'Cred Card'. As *MT* explains "the cred card is an undeniable sign of good taste" which will be welcomed at a "selection of the yummiest restaurants in town". Until now the hapless Yummie has had to rough it with the 'lower orders' in corner cafes; now he can join the upper classes at last.

Things were not always so in the Communist Party of course. In the 1940's when the party was at its peak, with a membership of around 50,000 it had a solid base of working-class support - ordinary people who genuinely, if naively, thought that communism stood for freedom and

justice for ordinary people.

The espousal of minority causes - 'gay' lib, black power, support for IRA terrorism etc - by the 'Left' has lead to its increasing alienation from ordinary British working people. The mummy's boys posing as 'revolutionaries' who make up an ever-growing part of today's ever-shrinking Communist Party would never 'man the barricades', like their more macho predecessors, for fear of scuffing their Gucci's. They will never build an alternative to the Capitalist consumer society, for they are now a part of it.

As one old-style Congress delegate sorrowfully put it, describing his new comrades to the press - "It's not just the way they look, it's what they say".

IRA OFF OUR STREETS



EVERY year supporters of the IRA on the British mainland hold a propaganda march through a major city. Their march, held on a Sunday at the end of each January, is in commemoration of the events of so-called 'Bloody Sunday' - a key date in IRA mythology.

The march is one of the main events on mainland Republican's propaganda calendar. The march is normally supported by the usual assorted rag-bag of anti-British Marxist and Afro-Asian groups. And each year British Nationalists and Loyalists mobilise in force to ensure that those who support the murdering scum of the IRA aren't allowed to strut arrogantly through the streets of Britain.

This year the 'Bloody Sunday' march is to

be held in Newcastle. Ever since this was announced Newcastle National Front have been hard at work to ensure a good mobilisation of local patriots against the murderers. Other NF branches from all over the country will be joining them on Sunday, January 31st to ensure that IRA supporters and apologists are taught a simple lesson: you're not welcome in Newcastle. And if they scuttle off to another town at the last minute they will still be followed and opposed.

On Sunday 31st of January we need YOUR support. Contact your local NF Branch organiser and join with us in opposing the IRA march. We've stopped them before: together we'll stop them again!

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Obituary

GEORGE SEAWRIGHT



GEORGE SEAWRIGHT, ex-Northern Ireland Assembly member and ex-Belfast City Councillor who was cowardly gunned down by Republican terrorists will be sadly missed by all his friends in the National Front.

George was one of the few politicians who stood by his principles without fear of being smeared by the media. He also made no secret of his support for the National Front.

As a Scotsman, George was deeply motivated by the struggle of his fellow British kinsfolk in Ulster and moved to the province to assist them in every way. It would have been easier and safer for George to stay in Scotland and carry on the fight over there but such was his commitment to the cause of Ulster and his courage to be in the frontline that he became the target for the terrorist bullet.

We in the NF salute our fallen comrade, a fighter in the common struggle for Britain. His loyalty to Ulster and his love of the Protestant faith will never be forgotten, nor will his killers be forgiven.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his kin and pledge that his sacrifice shall not be in vain.

Jimmy Grundle

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THROUGHOUT Britain there are hundreds, if not thousands, of festivals, customs, rituals and practices which are performed every year, the origins and meanings of which are largely forgotten by those who take part in them.

Some of these festivals, such as Up-Helly-A in the Shetlands are specific to a small local community; others, like Christmas, are now celebrated worldwide.

Yet all of these festivals and customs have their origin deep in Britain's folk history. Some are centuries old, some go back thousands of years. Their survival over immense periods of time, often with only superficial changes, reflects the cultural and ethnic continuity of the inhabitants of these islands.

In this Heritage feature Tom Acton takes a brief look at a few of these customs - the living reminders of the lives, practices and religions of the earliest Britons.

April Fool's Day. Although the traditions of the day are now largely maintained by children in the past adults too engaged in practical jokes. In some widely separated areas, including the Orkneys and parts of Devon, the emphasis was on placing a tail, or derogatory sign, on the back of a victim, the day in these areas thus being called Tailing Day (Orkneys) and Tail-pipe Day (Devon).

The customs may derive from a festival in honour of the Celtic god Lud, who was among other things the god of humour.

Mayday. Mayday is the festival of the greenwood, and its roots go back millennia to the days when Britain was a forest country. At a time when trees were bursting into life, birds were nesting, flowers blooming and animals mating, our early ancestors clearly also felt the desire to join the celebration of procreation and new life. Not surprisingly this was a tradition which endured the centuries with ease, even surviving the Puritan preachers after the Reformation who had no doubts as to what went on when girls and their lovers spent a night in the woods together. Nor did they have any difficulty in recognising the phallic significance of the maypole, which would be honoured in dance each Mayday.

Mayday, or the Festival of Beltane as it was in the early Celtic calendar, was never assimilated into the Christian calendar as were so many other pre-Christian festivals. Instead, in a land where paganism became a suppressed religion, it survived as a festival which has often had a special significance and appeal for anti-establishment and rebel causes.

Mumming Plays. These plays are the survivors of age-old dramas performed around the winter solstice. The basic theme of the plays is simple and straightforward - the battle between light and darkness, with the ultimate triumph of the light. As such these plays are certainly pre-Christian, and possibly pre-Celtic.

The plays were part of an oral tradition of drama, kept alive over the centuries by non-literate peasants and labourers. Inevitably in time some confusion in the characters

and plot arose. For instance during the time of the Crusades the champion of the powers of darkness became personified in some mumming plays as a Turkish knight - as Turkish knights were seen as dark and sinister. However in later years, in some versions of the play, the Turkish Knight became the 'Turkey Snipe'.

Similarly the champion of the powers of light became identified with St. George, although in the Eighteenth century St. George became, not surprisingly, King George in some versions of the play. The third main character is the Doctor, a modernised version of the ancient shaman whose remedies would restore the fallen champion of light.

Hallowe'en. The customs and practices of Hallowe'en ultimately derive from the pre-Christian festivals of Samhain; a festival far too important to be ignored or suppressed by the early Christian church, which accordingly adopted it and transformed it, Samhain itself becoming All Saint's Day.

Samhain was the beginning of the Celtic year, a logical date for a pastoral society. At this time communities would do a stock-taking of their livestock, and slaughter the surplus animals. It is possible that the fires that blazed as animals were roasted led to the development of Samhain as a fire festival. Some animals were sacrificed to the Gods, and Samhain became a time when the Gods were believed to draw close to the earth, spirits and demons were abroad, and the boundaries between this world and the Otherworld were blurred.

Even now, centuries later Hallowe'en is still celebrated as a season when witches take to their broomsticks and fly across the night sky - even though we may not take it quite so seriously nowadays. The fire festival aspects are still maintained, although the bonfires of Samhain have been postponed a few days, and the festival is now celebrated on the 5th November - Guy Fawkes Night.

Christmas. The figure of Santa Claus, now horrendously commercially exploited each year as an ad-man's sales gimmick, derived originally from the Norse god Woden, or Odin, who charged across the night sky on

his chariot, bearing gifts at the time of the winter solstice. On the Christianisation of Northern Europe Woden was transformed into St Nicholas, later corrupted into 'Santa Claus', as St Nicholas had a conveniently close saint's day, and was the patron saint of children.

This period was also the Roman season of Saturnalia, a week long feast during which masters and servants changed places, and considerable licence was permitted. Some of these traditions survived as 'Mischief Nights' until comparatively recent times. Another feature of Saturnalia, the decking of homes with evergreens, such as holly, is still universal. Evergreens were historically treated with great reverence, as woodland spirits were believed to reside in them at a time when the leaves had fallen from other trees.



Up-Helly-A. In the Shetlands this festival marks the end of the Christmas celebrations, which last 24 days there, instead of the usual 12. It is primarily a fire-festival, and reflects the long and close relationship between the Shetlands and Scandinavia. A large model of a Viking longship is ceremonially burned, as performers, dressed in Viking costumes sing traditional songs.